

WARD 21: Rideau - Jock		Patty Searl	
Municipal Election Priorities	Campaign Asks	If elected, would you commit to working towards this item? (yes/no)	Rationale for response (optional)
Improving Our Democracy	That the City ensure section 6.1 is enforced (Province of Ontario, Municipal Elections Act) where polls are advised to be present "in buildings containing 100 or more dwelling units". We would like to see the City of Ottawa pass a policy reflecting access to voting.	MAYBE	"In regards to polling stations - in our ward there are not too too many buildings with over 100 dwelling units but I will be more informed as the issue comes to City Council from other wards and if voting is necessary to ensure accessibility the best we can and enough polling stations to capture as much voting as possible from those who may have difficult getting to a polling station."
	Ensure polling stations open from at least 10am-8pm.	YES	Also of course the timing of the polling stations is very important.
	The city should bring back door to door to find eligible voters.	YES	I know the City resources are already strained with the work they do but open to exploring the door to door canvassing to find voters and to inform them of important dates, locations and times to ensure their voice is heard.
	Ban developer lobbyist donations to city councillors	MAYBE	I think many councillors are no longer accepting donations from Developers and I can appreciate the position your organization has. Which is also reflective of others I have spoken to.
	Split the Planning Committee into separate urban-core and suburban committees similar to Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee	MAYBE	I do like the idea of splitting the planning committee into separate entities as much of the urban needs differ from rural but having said that I think as a voted member all topics do and should require all councillors the right to vote and be aware as many like myself have lived all over the city and awareness to issues is key.
Build Affordable Housing	ACORN wants to see a strong Inclusionary Zoning policy with 25-35% affordable rental housing targeting those in core housing need, citywide in perpetuity.	N/A	
	Convert empty office buildings to non-market affordable housing	YES	I will indeed look into the options such as converting more empty buildings into affordable housing for more people and seniors.
	Any developments getting municipal public funds must have rent control on all units (not just the affordable units). This is in addition to Vacancy Control on all units - so when the tenant leaves, the landlords can't double the rent.	YES	Also I have heard of landlords increasing rents substantially and I too believe there needs to be some control of the amounts that one can increase. Definitely not double and unreasonable which that would be.
	Reserve public land for affordable housing	MAYBE	I would like to look into the public land for affordable housing and see what is possible with this topic.
Fund Affordable Housing	We are calling on the City of Ottawa to dedicate \$40 million to building affordable, non-market housing to match its budget for emergency shelters.	N/A	

	5% Vacant Unit Tax with revenues funding affordable housing projects	N/A	
	Tax all luxury homes- increase property taxes on houses worth more than 2 million.	N/A	
Protect Affordable Housing	We need the City to enact an Anti Displacement Policy to protect affordable housing and stop tenants from being priced out of their neighbourhoods.	N/A	
	Ottawa needs an Anti-Renoviction Bylaw similar to New Westminster, BC's where the bylaw effectively ended renovations.	MAYBE	I am aware of renovations and would watch this closely in our ward to see what we can do to ensure the appropriate by-laws are in place
	No public funds, or permit approvals, to predatory landlords.	MAYBE	I am aware of predatory landlords and would watch this closely in our ward to see what we can do to ensure the appropriate by-laws are in place
	The City should expand its existing programs to introduce a Rent Bank like other Ontario cities.	N/A	
	Explore a Non-Profit Acquisition Strategy that would give non-profit & social housing providers, co-ops and land trusts the right of first refusal to purchase at risk apartment buildings on the private market similar to Montreal.	N/A	
Tenant Engagement	Ottawa ACORN is calling for a proactive education program to inform tenants about their rights/resources when there are signs of potential renovations/demovictions.	N/A	
	We want to see a public registry of tenant buyouts, building permits, home and rental building sales	N/A	
	We want to see Ottawa follow the lead of cities like Toronto and Hamilton by creating a Tenant Defense Fund that would allow tenant groups to apply for funding for legal assistance when challenging renovations, AGIs or when submitting tenant applications to the LTB.	YES	I do see the benefit of a tenant defense fund and know of some lawyers who would enjoy being part of this as an advocate and representation to assist many who may give up from even trying against larger conglomerates who have influence and money.
Healthy Homes	Enforcement mechanisms of property standards at the municipal level need to be improved. There should be more severe consequences for negligent landlords. We need Landlord Licensing, similar to Toronto, which would include a landlord registry, proactive inspections, increased enforcement and better standards of repair.	YES	
	More funding in the city budget for repairs and maintenance in Ottawa Community Housing	YES	

Infrastructure and Employment	The City should support community organizations advocating for Community Benefits Agreements during development projects.	N/A	
	The City of Ottawa should create an Ethical Purchasing Strategy that protects workers' wages and benefits and avoids contract flipping. All employees working on city grounds should be paid a living wage.	N/A	
Internet for All	The City should leverage its own assets to create a municipal broadband program that can provide \$10-30/month home internet to low and moderate income households similar to Toronto's ConnectTO program.	MAYBE	
	Expansion of programs that offer free or subsidized devices to low income people	MAYBE	
	Provide FREE public wifi in all public spaces such as bus shelters, parks, community centres and more	MAYBE	
Community Services	Prioritize city funding for youth services, street lighting, mental health supports, addiction supports, sidewalks and traffic controls in underserved, often low income & working class communities	N/A	
	Support ACORN's national campaign to end predatory lending by calling on the Federal Government to support alternatives to payday and installment loans, lower the criminal interest rate and more.	N/A	
Childcare	We need funding for affordable public/non-profit daycare spaces to be prioritized in lower income neighborhoods and communities	N/A	
	Parents need easier access to information in order to understand Ontario's patchwork childcare system. We need transparency and accountability to parents through a simplified online process and face to face assistance when applying for subsidies.	N/A	
	Expanded programming for parents who work non-standard hours (ie. shift work, overnights).	N/A	
Affordable & Reliable Transit	We believe transit should be free, starting with those living on social assistance.	N/A	

	Presto passes should be free for anyone under the low income measure, and there should be no minimum payment to upload Presto passes for people under the low income measure.	N/A	
	Increase bus service in underserved neighbourhoods.	N/A	
Climate Change	Retrofitting Canada's aging highrise communities from a tenant led perspective is an important step in reducing Energy Poverty. Ottawa needs an Energy Equity Program that targets the lowest-income and least Energy efficient private apartment buildings across the city.	N/A	
	Financial support for low and moderate income households impacted by natural disasters	N/A	
	Ensure low and moderate income renter communities have access to green space	N/A	